

On this the 24th day of September, A. D., 2024, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jimmy Gore
 Commissioner, Pct. 4 Ryan Dagley
 Commissioner, Pct. 3 Thomas Hammond
 Commissioner, Pct. 2 Mark Tice
 County Clerk Heather H. Hawthorne
 County Judge Jimmy Sylvia

With the following members absent, to-wit:

met in a REGULAR MEETING, at which time the following items were discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to-wit:

Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:33 a.m. into Open Session. Trustin Nelson offered prayer. Fisher Nelson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

ADMINISTRATION

1.2 Discuss and consider proclamation proclaiming October 6-12, 2024 as National 4-H Week Proclamation

24-9-997 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the Proclamation declaring October 6-12, 2024, as National 4-H Week. Comments by Brittany Jones of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Office. Chambers County 4-H member Peyton Noack read the proclamation.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.3 Discuss and consider presentation from Chambers County youth regarding Buckskin Brigade camp

Chambers County 4-H members Trustin Nelson and Wyatt Trainer gave a presentation on the Buckskin Brigade Camp they attended over the summer. They told the Court the camp focuses on conservation and leadership and is for young people aged 13 through 17. No action was taken.

ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Citizen's comments

Dr. Ira Echols gave a Citizen's Comment regarding the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation Grant, which was on the Sept. 10, 2024, Commissioners' Court Agenda. Dr. Echols applauded the County, specifically the office of Economic Development and Grant Management, for helping low-income families use the funds to improve their homes. Even though not all the funds were used correctly, Dr. Echols

encouraged the County to continue to accept the grant funds which made the project possible.

FINANCIAL

2.1 Discuss and consider adopting the 2025 county budget (January 1–December 31)

24-9-1003 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to adopt the 2025 county budget (January 1–December 31). Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

FINANCIAL

2.2 Discuss and consider adopting a tax rate of \$0.44035/100 for the 2024 tax year

24-9-998 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to adopt a tax rate of \$0.44035/100 for the 2024 tax year.

Passed; Insert.

FINANCIAL

2.3 Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution declaring Chambers County's official intent to Finance Expenditures to be Incurred by the County (Certificates of Obligation)

24-9-1035 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve a Resolution declaring Chambers County's official intent to Finance Expenditures to be Incurred by the County (Certificates of Obligation). Comments by James Gilley, Jr. of U.S. Capital Advisors LLC, Gregory Miller of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado Acosta LLP and Gore.

Passed.

FINANCIAL

2.4 Discuss and consider an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Chambers County, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024; authorizing the sale thereof; and enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said Certificates

24-9-1036 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve the Order Authorizing the Issuance of Chambers County, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024; authorizing the sale thereof; and enacting provisions incident and related to the

issuance of said Certificates. Comments by James Gilley of U.S. Capitol Advisors, County Auditor Aaron Thomas and Judge Sylvia.

Passed.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.1 Discuss and consider approving Teague Nall and Perkins, Inc. Authorization for Professional Services regarding land acquisition services related to the Katie Project in the amount of \$8,680.00

24-9-1020 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve Teague Nall and Perkins, Inc. Authorization for Professional Services regarding land acquisition services related to the Katie Project in the amount of \$8,680.00. Comments by Engineering Director Natalie Lopez, County Auditor Aaron Thomas and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.2 Discuss and consider authorizing Chambers Surveying and Mapping to perform surveying services along the Woodland Acres Subdivision drainage easements in the amount of \$53,777.00

24-9-1021 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to authorize Chambers Surveying and Mapping to perform surveying services along the Woodland Acres Subdivision drainage easements in the amount of \$53,777.00. Comments by Engineering Director Natalie Lopez.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.3 Discuss and consider exercising Local Government Code 262.024 (1) to contract Tri County Construction Company to clear blockages along Barrow Gully ditch in the amount of \$214,522.00

24-9-1024 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to exercise Local Government Code 262.024 (1) to contract Tri County Construction Company to clear blockages along Barrow Gully ditch in the amount of \$214,522.00. Comments by Engineering Director Natalie Lopez.

Passed.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.4 Discuss and consider update on Barrow Slough Bridge replacement at Bailey Road

No action taken. Update given by Engineer in Training Zachary Vogler.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.1 Discuss and consider issuing a Competitive Sealed Bid request for construction of landfill roadway and associated outfalls (funded by American Rescue Plan Act monies)

24-9-1008 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to issue a Competitive Sealed Bid request for construction of landfill roadway and associated outfalls (funded by American Rescue Plan Act monies). Comments by Economic Development and Grant Management Director Samantha Humphrey and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.1 Discuss and consider hiring Direct Services to insulate all piping in basement/mechanical room of the courthouse in the amount of \$19,157.50

24-9-1019 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to hire Direct Services to insulate all piping in basement/mechanical room of the courthouse in the amount of \$19,157.50. Comments by Project Manager Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.2 Discuss and consider hiring Direct Services to remove and replace the boiler pump in the mechanical room at the courthouse in the amount of \$8,859.69

24-9-1020 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to hire Direct Services to remove and replace the boiler pump in the mechanical room at the courthouse in the amount of \$8,859.69. Comments by Project Manager Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.3 Discuss and consider hiring Marsh Waterproofing for the courthouse below grade waterproofing and drainage project in the amount of \$103,000.00

24-9-1023 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to hire Marsh Waterproofing for the courthouse below grade

waterproofing and drainage project in the amount of \$103,000.00. Comments by Project Manager Mike Gafford, County Auditor Aaron Thomas and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

17.1 Discuss and consider outfitting two trucks from Trux Super Store, Inc for an additional amount of \$3,90.69

24-9-1027 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to outfit two trucks from Trux Super Store, Inc for an additional amount of \$3,960.69. Comments by Chief Deputy John Leger and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1 Monthly reports

CONSENT

19.1.a August monthly report-JP 4

24-9-1008 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the August monthly report-JP 4.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.b Monthly Auditor Reports: Outside Inmate Housing Cost Report-July 2024 and 2024 Legal Fees Report-August 2024

24-9-1011 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the Monthly Auditor Reports: Outside Inmate Housing Cost Report-July 2024 and 2024 Legal Fees Report-August 2024.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.c June monthly report - County Clerk

24-9-1012 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the June monthly report - County Clerk.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.d May monthly report - County Clerk

24-9-1013 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the May monthly report - County Clerk.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.e April monthly report - County Clerk

24-9-1014 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the April monthly report - County Clerk.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.f Commissioner, Pct. 3-2nd Quarter Report

24-9-1031 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the Commissioner, Pct. 3-2nd Quarter Report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

24-8-944 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2.a Payroll Check Register

24-9-1029 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the Payroll Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

24-8-945 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

24-8-946 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Budget amendments/transfers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

None submitted.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

24-8-948 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve payroll changes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

CONSENT

19.7.a Aug. 13, 2024-Regular Meeting

24-9-1007 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Aug. 13, 2024, Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting minutes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.8 Approve application for utility construction from Comcast to install fiber optic cable along the right-of-way of Gray Gale Court-R&B

24-9-993 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve application for utility construction from Comcast to install fiber optic cable along the right-of-way of Gray Gale Court-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.9 Approve application for utility construction from Comcast to install fiber optic cable within various rights-of-ways-R&B

24-9-994 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve application for utility construction from Comcast to install fiber optic cable within various rights-of-ways-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.10 Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Chambers County and BHISD for Shelter and Evacuation Assistance during a disaster-Emergency Management

24-9-995 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Chambers County and BHISD for Shelter and Evacuation Assistance during a disaster-**Emergency Management**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Approve 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funding Agreement between Chambers County and Marsh Fest in the amount of \$15,000-Eco. Development

24-9-998 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funding Agreement between Chambers County and Marsh Fest in the amount of \$15,000-**Eco. Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Approve 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funding Agreement between Chambers County and the Johnny Ackel Memorial Rodeo in the amount of \$4,500-Eco. Development

24-9-999 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funding Agreement between Chambers County and the Johnny Ackel Memorial Rodeo in the amount of \$4,500-**Eco. Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Approve 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funding Agreement between Chambers County and Texas Gatorfest in the amount of \$25,000-Eco. Development

24-9-1000 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funding Agreement between Chambers County and Texas Gatorfest in the amount of \$25,000-**Eco. Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) funding agreement

between Chambers County and Friends of the Chambers County Library (NERD CON) in the amount of \$8,500-Eco. Development

24-9-1001 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) funding agreement between Chambers County and Friends of the Chambers County Library (NERD CON) in the amount of \$8,500-**Eco. Development.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.15 Approve the 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) funding agreement between Chambers County and the Texas Rice Festival in the amount of \$25,000-Eco. Development

24-9-1002 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the 2025 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) funding agreement between Chambers County and the Texas Rice Festival in the amount of \$25,000-**Eco. Development**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.16 Accept into record monthly project update prepared by Department of Economic Development and Grant Management-Eco. Development

24-9-1004 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept into record monthly project update prepared by Department of Economic Development and Grant Management-**Eco. Development** .

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.17 Approve payment to Mustang Cat for equipment repair on dozer #652 in the amount of \$30,810.11-Solid Waste

24-9-1006 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve payment to Mustang Cat for equipment repair on dozer #652 in the amount of \$30,810.11-**Solid Waste**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.18 Approve payment to AH Chambers County Development, LLC for Requisition 2024-002 CCJC in the amount of \$671,914.68 for the Chambers County Justice Center-Co. Judge

24-9-1009 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve payment to AH Chambers County Development, LLC for Requisition 2024-002 CCJC in the amount of \$671,914.68 for the Chambers County Justice Center-**Co. Judge**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.19 Approve payment to AH Chambers County Development, LLC for Requisition 2024-003 CCJC in the amount of \$4,653,756.03 for the Chambers County Justice Center-Co, Judge

24-9-1010 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve payment to AH Chambers County Development, LLC for Requisition 2024-003 CCJC in the amount of \$4,653,756.03 for the Chambers County Justice Center-**Co. Judge**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.20 Approve application utility construction from Comcast to install fiber optic cable in right-of-ways within Legends Bay-R&B

24-9-1015 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve application utility construction from Comcast to install fiber optic cable in right-of-ways within Legends Bay-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.21 Accept as presented Amendment No. 1 to the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Contract No. HHS001439300009, between Texas Department of State Health Services and Chambers County Public Health-Health

24-9-1016 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept as presented Amendment No. 1 to the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Contract No. HHS001439300009, between Texas Department of State Health Services and Chambers County Public Health-**Health**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.22 Accept as presented the purchase of rolling carts for "Language Lines" service implementation in the amount of \$5,162.84-Health

24-9-1017 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept as presented the purchase of rolling carts for "Language Lines" service implementation in the amount of \$5,162.84-**Health**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.23 Approve hiring Anahuac Electric & Construction to perform an

electrical assessment at Mark Huddleston Community Building for existing East Annex offices to relocate in preparation for demolition/rebuild-Building Maintenance

24-9-1018 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve hiring Anahuac Electric & Construction to perform an electrical assessment at Mark Huddleston Community Building for existing East Annex offices to relocate in preparation for demolition/rebuild-**Building Maintenance**

Passed.

CONSENT

19.24 Accept as presented the service agreement between Chambers County Public Health and Language Lines via State of Texas Contract DIR-CPO-5221-Health

24-9-1020 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept as presented the service agreement between Chambers County Public Health and Language Lines via State of Texas Contract DIR-CPO-5221-**Health**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.25 Approve hiring Tippet Construction to paint the interior of the Old River Community Building in the amount of \$6,450.88-Building Maintenance

24-9-1021 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve hiring Tippet Construction to paint the interior of the Old River Community Building in the amount of \$6,450.88-**Building Maintenance**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.26 Approve hiring Tippet Construction to repair the Winnie Library sign in the amount of \$6,200.00-Building Maintenance

24-9-1022 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve hiring Tippet Construction to repair the Winnie Library sign in the amount of \$6,200.00-**Building Maintenance**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.27 Approve purchase of office furniture for the Tax Office at new West Annex #2 from Manning's Office Solutions in the amount of \$16,030.02-Purchasing

24-9-1026 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve purchase of office

furniture for the Tax Office at new West Annex #2 from Manning's Office Solutions in the amount of \$16,030.02-**Purchasing**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.28 Approve purchase of office furniture for the Commissioner's Office at new West Annex #2 from Manning's Office Solutions in the amount of \$25,915.60-Purchasing

24-9-1027 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve purchase of office furniture for the Commissioner's Office at new West Annex #2 from Manning's Office Solutions in the amount of \$25,915.60-**Purchasing**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.29 Approve the purchase of outreach items from Positive Promotions in the amount of \$37,305.77-WIC

24-9-1028 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the purchase of outreach items from Positive Promotions in the amount of \$37,305.77-**WIC**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.30 Approve the purchase of outreach items from 4Imprint in the amount of \$26,931.00-WIC

24-9-1030 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the purchase of outreach items from 4Imprint in the amount of \$26,931.00-**WIC**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.31 Approve renewal of 2025 CountyChoice Silver Retiree Medical Program-HR

24-9-1032 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve renewal of 2025 CountyChoice Silver Retiree Medical Program-**HR**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.32 Approve Dearborn Life Insurane renewal with an anniversary date of 12/1/2024-HR

24-9-1033 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Dearborn Life Insurane renewal with an anniversary date of 12/1/2024-**HR**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.33 Approve payment for Windows Enterprise and Windows Server User CALs Software Assurance-Technology

24-9-1034 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve payment for Windows Enterprise and Windows Server User CALs Software Assurance-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:15 a.m. the Court recessed out of Regular Session and entered into Executive Session. At 11:49 a.m. the Court exited Executive Session and returned to Regular Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.1 Discuss and consider personnel issues-Executive Session

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.2 Discuss and consider the sale/purchase of real property-Executive Session

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.3 Discuss and consider FMLA extension request-Executive Session

No action taken.

With no further action, Court adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heather H. Hawthorne", is written over a circular official seal. The seal features a five-pointed star in the center and the words "COUNTY COMMISSIONER" and "COUNTY, TEX." around the perimeter.

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Signed by:

Jimmy Sylvia

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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia